गेहूं की बिक्री के लिए समुचित समय पर समुचित मूल्य के मामले में उत्तर प्रदेश के लिए अलग से कोई विशेष नीति नहीं है । सरकार द्वारा उद्घोषित गन्ने का न्यूनतम सांविधिक मूल्य तथा गेहूं का न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य पूरे देश में एक समान है । केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा न्यूनतम सांविधिक मूल्यों का निर्धारण किए जाने के बाद अधिकांश राज्य सरकारें चीनी कारखानों को गन्ने के लिए आमतौर से न्यूनतम सांविधिक मूल्य से अधिक कीमत अदा करने की सलाह दे रही हैं ।

जहां तक गेहूं का मामला है, सरकार की मूल्य समर्थन योजना के अंतर्गत अधिप्राप्ति की जा रही है और किसानों द्वारा बिक्री के लिए प्रस्तावित सभी भण्डारों को सार्वजनिक अधिप्राप्ति एजेंसियां न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य पर खरीद रही हैं । राज्य सरकारों द्वारा पर्याप्त संख्या में खरीद केन्द्र खोले गये हैं और उन्हें भारतीय खाद्य निगम तथा राज्य अधिप्राप्ति एजेंसियों को आवंटित कर दिया गया है ताकि खरीद की जा सके ।

उत्तर प्रदेश में भूकम्प से प्रभावित लोगों को पुनर्वास के लिए विदेशी सहायता

751. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :**
श्री कृष्ण कुमार बिरला :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार ने गत वर्ष उत्तराखंड में भूकम्प से पीड़ित किसानों, अनुसूचित जाति/जनजाति के लोगों के पुनर्वास के लिए कितनी राशि आवंटित की थी और उसमें से कितनी राशि विस्थापित लोगों के पुनर्वास पर खर्च की गई; और

(ख) उपयुक्त सहायता न मिलने के बारे में कितने लोगों ने केन्द्र सरकार को शिकायत की है, साथ ही उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (**श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचन्द्रन**) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Amendments in the Indian Veterinary Council Act 1984

752. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have requested the Central Government for some amendments in the Indian Veterinary Council Act 1984 so as to protect the practice by the nongraduate Veterinary practitioners in the State; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government have proposed inclusion of a provision under Section 30 (b) of the Indian Veterinary Council Act 1984 to permit persons not holding qualifications prescribed in the schedule to the Act but already registered under any State Law prior to the extension of the Act to that State to render minor veterinary services independently.

Floods in Purulia District of West Bengal

753. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI :
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the estimated loss of property, crops etc., in the recent floods in Purulia district of West Bengal;

(b) whether any financial assistance has been provided to the State Government on this account; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) As per information received from Government of West Bengal, the details

of loss of lives and damage to property due to floods in Purulia district are as under :—

No. of persons affected	80,000
No. of human lives lost	15
Damage to crops	6453 ha.
No of houses damaged	4227
Livestock lost	519 cattle heads 1505 goats/sheeps 6774 ducks/poultry birds
Public property damaged	Railway bridge, roads, culverts and water supply systems of Purulia Town.

(b) and (c) The State Government is required to undertake relief measures using the corpus of the Calamity Relief Fund allotted to the State. The State Government has not sought any additional Central assistance for relief measures in Purulia district.

Agricultural Universities in Maharashtra

754. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the thrust areas of ICAR and Agricultural Universities of research and development in Agriculture, particularly for high yielding varieties of main crops and oil seeds during Eighth Plan;

(b) the details of outstanding/significant achievements during the last five years and programmes during the Eighth Plan;

(c) the proposals received by ICAR from the Agricultural Universities in Maharashtra and proposals cleared with estimated cost and other details proposal-wise during the current year;

(d) the number of proposals pending and the reasons therefor proposal-wise; and

(e) the steps being taken to expedite approval of proposals received from state Agriculture Universities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) and (b) As a result of concerted efforts during the last five years a number of high yielding varieties/hybrids including 192 in cereals, 74 in oilseeds, 21 pulses, 30 in commercial crops, 16 in forage crops and 33 in horticultural crops were released/identified. Success has been achieved in developing cross breed animals-cattle strains for milk sheep for wool and meat production and in increasing productivity of fish ponds. In the VIII plan greater thrust is being given on hybrid research, production of breeder seeds, conservation of germplasm and development of superior varieties resistant to biotic and abiotic stresses etc.

(c) Fourteen Research proposals have been received by ICAR from Universities in Maharashtra, out of which 6 have been cleared. The estimated expenditure is Rs. 33,53,600. The details of the schemes are given in statement I. (*See* below).

(d) Eight schemes are under various stages of consideration. Details are geven in statement-II (*See* below).

(e) Steps are being taken by the Council for expediting processing of the schemes by small relevant expert groups.